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TJC student arrested for campus sword wielding

By Ashleigh Brents
News Editor

Apparently some people take their role-playing games a little too far.

At 10:25 p.m. on April 21, 2013, Campus Police received a call from Ornelas Residential Complex about a man who was carrying a sword outside the dorms.

The caller said that he saw a young black male wearing a yellow hoodie wav-

ing a sword outside the dorms. Campus Police responded immediately to the scene.

"Any incident like this, we take immediate action," said Randy Melton, chief of Campus Police.

When the suspect saw the Campus Police car, he ran in a different direction. Campus Police then called for assistance from the Tyler Police Department.

Upon arrival, police found the suspect near the Pirtle Technology building. Officers then

caught the suspect in the parking lot.

The suspect, Christopher James Kelley, 18, was carrying a 22" double-edged sword. According to Texas Penal Code, guns and any knives that are longer than 5 1/2" in length are illegal.

Kelley, who is a TJC student and lived on campus, was arrested and booked into Smith County Jail for a Class A misdemeanor of carrying an unlawful weapon setting bail at \$2,500.

Previously Kelley was arrested back in August of 2012 for physical assault.



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Victims of rape leave their crime quiet, unreported

By Belen Casillas
Managing Editor

The consequences of unreported sexual assaults among college students are a threat to a campus' safety.

One out of every eight college women are raped. Surprisingly, Tyler Junior College crime statistics only show two for the year of 2010 and one for 2011. The level of accuracy could be questionable compared to the statistics compiled by the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault. On a campus of 11,000, the question of who really is speaking up and reporting arises.

"There are a lot of things that play a role in the underreporting of it, and it's mainly fear of how it will damage the person's reputation and the emotional turmoil they have to go through to report it," said Tracey Williams, counselor and learning specialist at TJC.

If the victim stays silent, not only does he or she continue to put themselves in danger by not reporting and pressing charges but also gives the offender the freedom to strike again.

In September of 2012, a 19-year-old female TJC student reported to Tyler Police that she was raped after attending a party at her apartment complex, the Cambridge in Tyler. The rapist was a 20-year-old male friend and also a resident of the complex. After the party the male took her, while both intoxicated, to his apartment and forcefully had sex with the victim. The female reported the assault, but after a Facebook chat apology, the victim dropped all charges and did not proceed with the case.

"In sociology we have a statistic that says 90 percent off rapes are acquaintance rapes, and that's huge," said Deborah Kelley, professor and department chair of Behavioral Sciences at TJC.

The female victim in the previous case was part of the percentage who are raped by someone they previously had known—either a friend, classmate, family member or acquaintance.

This type of rape is called "date rape" and is most common during college.

"Sometimes it is a person that they know so they're more reluctant to come forward and report that. They also may know what that person (the offender) has to lose as far as a scholarship or something they are part of on campus, that they don't want that person to lose," said Williams.

Various factors play in the victim's decision to drop charges. Feelings of shame of publicly announcing the assault, self-blaming for consuming too much alcohol, guilt for wearing seductive clothing or embarrassment for acting in a flirtatious manner with the perpetrator before the rape.

Another reason for not pressing charges is reliving the trauma when reporting to police officials or investigators and continuing the processes by testifying in a courtroom for several days, according to Williams.

"It's a devastating process. On one hand you want to stop this person and you don't want it to happen again, but on the other hand what you have to go through to make that happen."

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"Sometimes it is a person that they know so they're more reluctant to come forward and report that."

—Tracey Williams
Counselor/Learning specialist, TJC

Out with the old Aramark replaces Valley Foods, bringing more meal options

By Yanan Yu
Staff Writer

Starbucks, Subway and Chick-Fil-A are coming to Tyler Junior College.

As of May 20, 2013, Aramark will officially be the new food service provider for the campus which will replace Valley Foods and open doors to opportunities.

Rogers Student Center cafeteria area will undergo a major renovation starting in the next few weeks. Details are coming soon on new commuter meal and faculty/staff meal plans as well. There will be an all-you-care-to-eat plan in the cafeteria for students, employees and guests.

"I think that's a good idea. I would go buy it... I think that will be really, really popular because it will be very convenient instead of driving out," said Lauren Renteria, sophomore.

Students are excited about the switch because it will save time in the morning to get a quick coffee and breakfast before class.

"Especially for the on-campus students that don't have transportation, the food in cafeteria is ... it take expensive what it is I guess. I feel like I will pay more for Chick-Fil-A and Starbucks," said Renteria.

Many TJC students complained that the foods in cafeteria are always the same. They want healthier and more variety in the cafeteria. For the students who live on campus, many don't have transportation to drive for more options.

"We expect a lot of varieties of foods by the new food service provider and you will not be limited. It's all you care to eat," said Dana Ballard, assistant director of campus services. "There will be a Subway that will be put in Pirtle, where the current deli is and the West Campus eating area will be renovated and Ornelas Dorm, there will be some changes over there."

Work will begin sometime this summer on a Starbucks in Vaughn Library, a Subway in Pirtle where the current deli is, and a renovation to the dining area at West Campus. A C-store (Convenience store) is currently in the planning stages for Ornelas A. Chick-Fil-A is scheduled to be included in the new Nursing & Health Sciences Building.

"In the RFP (Request For Proposal) proposal is the process that they use to select the vender. This is the amount of investment that they're going to give, it's not really given to TJC, but they're going to invest in remodeling these areas," said Ballard.

The Rogers Student Center dining area renovation will cost \$1,000,000. The additions of Subway in Pirtle will cost \$225,000 and Starbucks in Vaughn Library will cost \$250,000. The enhancement in the Ornelas dining area will be \$50,000. The West Campus dining facility renovation will cost \$50,000. The possible addition of Chick-Fil-A in the new



Photo Illustration by Taylor Griffin

building costs \$350,000.

Students will have many more food options as they return in the Fall.

"Better food on campus and a larger variety of food on campus, and being able to eat what they want to," said Ballard. "We're hoping to have the Rogers Students Center dining area completed by the fall, when the students come for the fall, same with the Subway and the same with the Starbucks. Those three we are hoping to have done before the fall semester of this year."

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Photo by Taylor Griffin

NEW CHOICES Aramark will replace TJC's current food service provider, Valley Foods, which will bring new options and new restaurants around campus.

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column

Peace out.



By Taylor Griffin
Editor-in-Chief

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."--A.A. Milne, "Winnie the Pooh"

Yet again, I am at a crossroads where I must bid adieu to another season of my life, and boy, was it the most incredible one.

As I reflect on my past two years at TJC, I can't imagine the individual I would be without them. My time here has undoubtedly molded me into the person and professional I've longed to be.

I am constantly reminded of how

lucky I am to have ended up in the spot I am in now. During the summer after my high school graduation, I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to do with my life. I got involved with the Apache Pow Wow, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Along the road, I have discovered my passion for storytelling and seeking the truth, something I doubt I would have found elsewhere. Moreover, I have found direction and motivation that the faculty has empowered me to fulfill.

The entire communications department here is my family, and I cherish them more than anything else. They make me a better worker, leader, friend and person. I consider it an honor to have served this award-winning newspaper for as long as I did. While have met many faces, seen incredible things and learned indispensible information, one aspect remains the same: the passion, diligence and love I see here is insurmountable. As I move on to attend Baylor University in the fall, it's hard for me to believe that things can get much better than this.

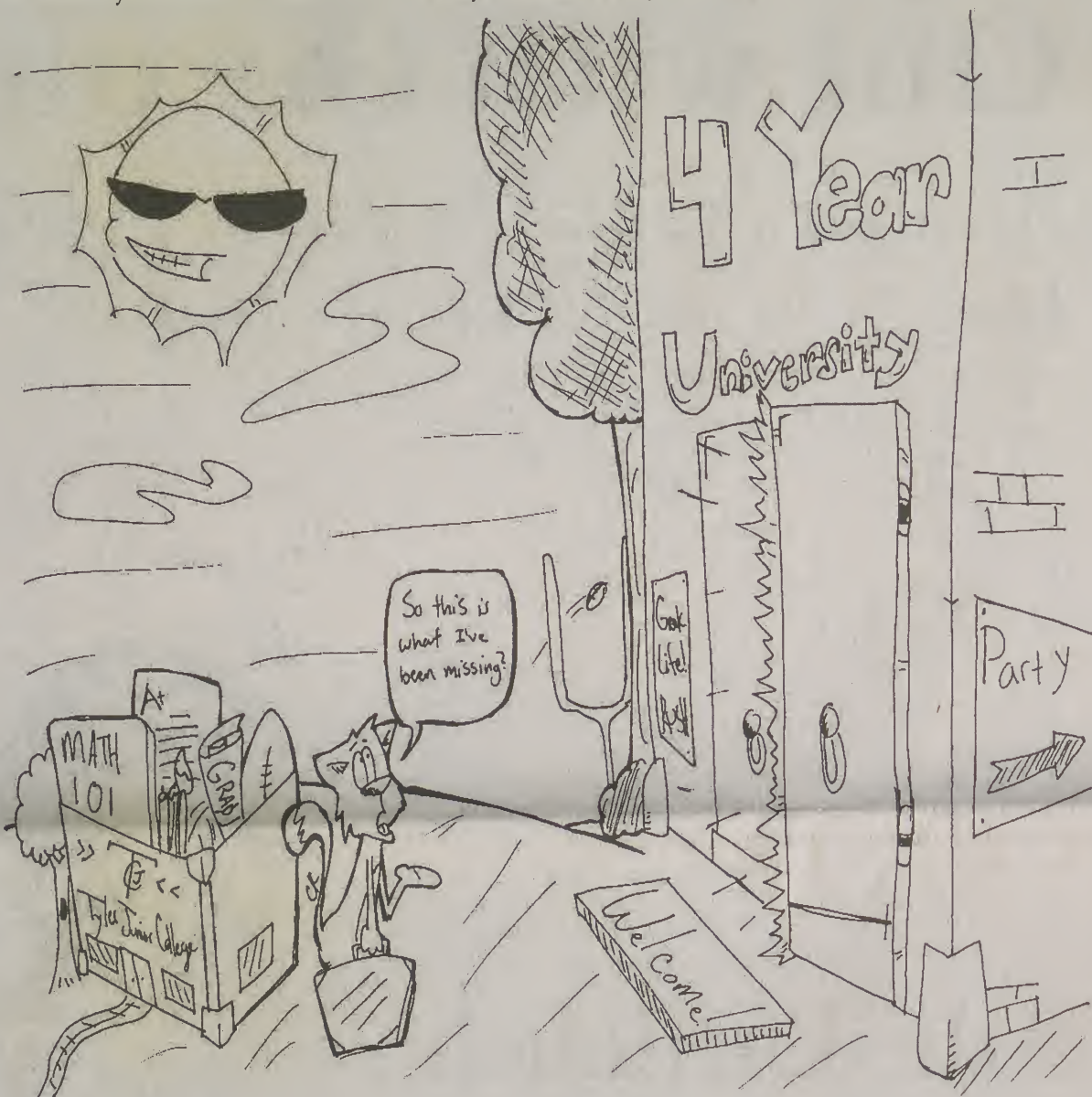
I will always be thankful to TJC for

spring-boarding me into the next leg of the journey and allowing me to befriend the most sincere people I've ever encountered. Truly, TJC has changed my life.

Make it last, folks. Your time in college is fleeting, like a fist full of sand slipping through your fingers. This particular time is a unique point in life where we meet lifelong friends, take advantage of boundless opportunities and simply live.

Change is necessary—healthy, in fact—but it all depends on attitude whether or not the transition is effective. While it is incredibly hard to wave goodbye to my time as an Apache, I look forward to the future this school has enabled for me. They say you can't go home again, but at least I can say my home was TJC. And for that, I wouldn't trade the world.

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as Verve Editor, Managing Editor and finally Editor-in-Chief of the Apache Pow Wow. Thank you for supporting my newspaper family and in the process encouraging me to live out my dreams.



TJCComments

Letter to the editor

IN RESPONSE TO VOL. 80 ISSUE 9, "DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?"

TAYLOR GRIFFIN,

I AGREE WITH THE TEXT ALERT SYSTEM, THE TELEPHONE VOICE SYSTEM, SENDING A MESSAGE TO THE WEBSITE.

BUT IN ADDITION TO, OR INSTEAD OF TRAINING TEACHERS TO SHOOT A WEAPON (BECAUSE NOT ALL TEACHERS WANT TO CARRY A WEAPON), THEY NEED TO BE TRAINED IN MARTIAL ARTS SELF DEFENSE. ADD IN THEY NEVER HAVE THE SITUATION TO USE IT IN A DEFENSE, IT CAN BE A GREAT EXERCISE REWARD. I ALSO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS AND CAMPUS POLICE OFFICERS TO SIGN UP FOR A MARTIAL ART DEFENSE CLASS.

BE OBSERVANT OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND EACH ONE OF US CAN BE A FORCE OF ONE. BUT AS A TJC APACHE, WE CAN BE THE A-TEAM UNITED. KNOW YOUR LIMITATIONS PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY.

FORMER SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF J.B. SMITH SAYS, "AT NIGHT DO NOT WALK ALONE, OR GO SHOPPING AT NIGHT. DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR TO YOUR HOME IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHO IT IS. FOR OUTSIDE DOORS WITHOUT A WINDOW HAVE A PEEPHOLE INSTALLED IF IT DOESN'T HAVE ONE. LEAVE OUTSIDE AND INSIDE LIGHTS ON IF YOU HAVE TO LEAVE AT NIGHT." HE ALSO SAYS, "MOST BURGLARY TO A HOME HAPPENS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS WHEN YOUR (SIC) NOT HOME."

B. JACOBS.

editorial

Graduation is approaching; the spring semester is finally coming to a close and with it, many Tyler Junior College students are embarking on a new step in their life. Whether it is stopping here and getting an Associates or Certificate Degree, working or transferring to another university, this chapter of the students' life is wrapping up.

For many, this is going to be a bittersweet ending. Saying goodbye to friends and faculty can be difficult, however, saying goodbye to homework will not be.

Time in school should be spent wisely. It's important to reach out while in college and make connections. Students should network and start building up their contacts, not just with classmates, but also with faculty. They're the ones who can help students get started in their careers.

Leaving TJC to go to another school or job can sound pretty intimidating. Students are not sure what to expect when they leave, but they'll never find out if they don't go. Having a familiar pattern is nice, but can get boring. If a student gets stuck in the rut of, "well, this is familiar and comfortable," then good luck to them on getting out of it! They must take the plunge.

College is what shapes many people. It's the place where people finally figure out who they are and where they want to go from that. If students stay cooped up in their dorm room all the time and don't take the risk of putting themselves out there, they won't have the same knowledge. The trade-off for taking the scary plunge of college is the countless memories and experiences. College gives life experience.

Students should savor the time they have, and not dwell on the past. In all the turmoil of classes, homework and finals, students need to still take time for themselves and to live, and to live in the present. The past is designed to be remembered, that's why it's past. There should not be any living with regret, or thinking "what if's." Things happen for a reason, and they help make people who they are. If a student takes up too much of his or her time dwelling on the past, they may miss what's happening in the here and now.

The college experience should be taken advantage of and enjoyed, and the next step in life shouldn't be seen as something scary, but rather as an adventure. There's no telling where things will lead or where people will end up, but it's been one hell of a ride getting there.

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Women in the media



WORKING HARD (Left) Sarah Hall working at her desk at Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel. (Lower left) Polly D'Avignon's award-winning magazine designs. (Above) Faith Harper making her television appearance with CBS 19 for the Whitehouse Alcohol Election.

Photo Courtesy of Faith Harper and Sarah Hall

Former TJC students fulfill dreams working in media

By Grace Malone
Staff Writer

From crime reporting to graphic design, the news media is being transformed by the cutting edge experience of former female members of Tyler Junior College's Apache Pow Wow newspaper.

When it comes to design, former Apache Pow Wow editor Polly d'Avignon has it in her blood. While growing up, d'Avignon parents owned their own local, weekly newspaper.

"I grew up in a newspaper office...I swore I would have nothing to do with it," d'Avignon said.

D'Avignon graduated from T.K. Gorman High School in 1999 and went to Rice University. While avoiding journalism, she never could settle on a major.

Although she never finished her studies at Rice University, d'Avignon came to Tyler and ended up working as a designer at a local magazine company, American Classifieds.

Her next step into the media world was to take a few journalism classes into journalism and volunteered her design skills to helping reconstruct

the TJC paper.

"I saw that most designers just wanted to make things look pretty...I wanted to know what went into a story," d'Avignon said.

The Apache Pow Wow, at that time, was in need of some serious re-design. Laura Krantz, the faculty advisor for the TJC student newspaper said that in order to really make the newspaper better, the students had to re-vamp it.

D'Avignon, along with the rest of the student editors, brought in graphics to connect with the readers and make the paper more accessible.

"The more you can tell a story with visuals, the more you can convey it," d'Avignon said.

During her second semester, d'Avignon became the editor in chief of the paper. It was then that her and the team did a total re-design of the paper, turning the look of the newspaper from being a tabloid into a more vertical format, called a broadsheet.

After finishing TJC, d'Avignon was able to build a full portfolio, take it to different companies, show them her work and tell them that she did it all from scratch.

You're coming out (of TJC) with real life, professional experience, and that is invaluable," said d'Avignon about the News Writing classes she took at TJC.

In February of 2009, d'Avignon landed a job at HW Publishing as the Senior Art Director. She re-designed that magazine and moved onto bigger things three years later.

In 2012 d'Avignon became the Associate Creative Director at Parago, Inc. in Lewisville, Texas. After, doing various designing jobs, this job was where she felt like she was supposed to be.

"It keeps me learning something new," said d'Avignon.

D'Avignon's most recent project was to construct a whole magazine for conferences taking place in Istanbul, Turkey. It has been her favorite project that she has ever done. It "put her whole tool kit of experience to work."

Another woman transforming the media world is Sarah Hall, a reporter for the Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel. Hall covers all the stories that happen

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News In Brief

CAMPUS

CHEER SQUAD PLACES AT NCA COLLEGE NATIONALS

The Tyler Junior College Cheer team went to Daytona, Fla. to compete in the NCA College Nationals.

The team went to finals and then placed 6th place. This is the team's first competition after their one-year break in the program.

PHI RHO PI TAKES FIRST

Phi Rho Pi attended the National Tournament for Community Colleges in Los Angeles, CA.

Students competed in 14 events. Out of those 14, six won first place.

Phi Rho Pi will have a Showcase on May 3, 2013 at 2 p.m. in the Jean S. Browne Theatre.

EXTENDED HOURS FOR FINALS

The library will be extending it's hours for finals.

Wednesday, May 1: 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 2: 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday, May 3: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 4: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 5: 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Monday, May 6: 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7: 30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8: 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Thursday, May 9: 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

For the rest of the month of May, the library will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays. They will be open at 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of Memorial Day on May 27, 2013.

PERCUSSION WINS BIG

Tyler Junior College Indoor Percussion team participated in the Winter Guard International Championship in Dayton, Ohio.

Over 120 teams competed in the competition and the Apache Percussion team placed 7th.

CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARD

The Advancing in Public Awareness Research Award has recognized a Tyler Junior College professor.

Debbie A. Waldrop has been recognized for her commitment to educating the public for the past 20 years through appearances on television, development of patient education days, and participation to potential volunteers.

Tyler Junior College would like to thank Waldrop for her hard work and dedication to TJC.

Fighting for the Battlefield



Photos Courtesy of Trindi Collins and Scotti Smothermon
MARCHING IN (Far Left) Trindi Collins in a sandstorm while serving in Afghanistan. (Left) Collins in uniform. (Right) Scotti Smothermon in uniform. (Far Right) Smothermon geared up in Afghanistan.

Women marching in after ban on females in frontline spots lifted

By Paola Cruz
Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College female veterans have heard the news that the ban on women in combat positions is being lifted, meaning it will be open job opportunities in the future for them in the military.

For almost two decades, the Pentagon has not allowed women to be placed in combat positions but at the beginning of this year, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta lifted the ban before leaving office, and after President Obama's inaugural speech about equality.

With the ban lifted it is now up to the military officials to continue on with the process of which jobs will become available and how they will be trained. Although some jobs will become available for women this year, some such as the Special Forces may take longer; the services will have up to 2016 to carry out the changes.

"The repeal with women in the front line is going to allow more women in," said Trindi Collins, a female Iraq and Afghanistan veteran. "It's going to give them a chance they didn't have before."

Already 280,000 women have been sent to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of the wars, working in jobs that were attached to battalions and only allowed in medical roles and support services to battalions, but weren't formally assigned as infantry. They still

ran the same risk of being in combat situations just as the men would.

The changes will also help the women who are currently in the Army with experience already under their belt and will help them move into frontline military roles.

"Whenever you're going up for the next position combat experience is looked at...If you want to be a commander over 180 troops, with that combat experience, you would have better experience being able to command in stressful situations," said Scotti Smothermon, an Afghanistan veteran who is now a Medical Readiness NCO in the Army National Guard. "It would be easier for women to get a higher position if they had that combat experience."

With the ban lifted, Collins believes there will finally be equality for women and men in the military.

"I think if the Army made it to where we would be equal, we would lose a lot of people, but I think we would get a better caliber of soldiers of women and men alike," said Collins. "We are supposed to be equal in the military but that doesn't always happen. I think with the repeals they've done we're getting closer. They keep talking about redoing the APFT (Army Physical Fitness Test) and making it gender unbiased, I do agree with that."

Smothermon thinks that the training process for men to be in the front lines should not change

for women both should be able to pass those requirements so they can be fully equipped for combat.

"I think that it was a good thing that it will give women more opportunities in the military but I don't agree with it 100 percent," said Smothermon. "If they don't lower the standards just because females are coming in then they will be fine. If they lower the standards then it'll hurt everybody else, especially when peoples lives are on the line."

Collins believes that women in the frontline could potentially distract the men in the infantry.

"Women can now go into combat I think it retracts from the males focus...if you're in a full scale battle my thinking...it can pull focus from the men out there because they will be worried about if she's OK."

Both veterans think that it takes a special kind of woman to be an infantry soldier.

"Besides physical endurance, it's motivation, control of your emotions, anger management and being able to control yourself and others in a stressful situation and being able to make command decisions in a stressful situation," said Smothermon.

As for Collins, she said the ban to be long overdue.

"Women hopefully can now take a stronger role, I think. The military needs to look at women more for leadership roles and not constantly appoint men," said Collins. "I do think it's time."

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Living the student



Photos by Belen Casillas

MUSIC TO THE EARS Symphonic Band ended successful semester on April 25 at the Wise Auditorium for family, students and faculty. (Top) Sarah Ropers, band professor leads musicians (LEFT) Taylor Burleson, freshman.



Photo by Belen Casillas

SAVING A LIFE Jaycee Jestis, freshman gave a big smile while participating in the 50 gallon challenge for the Carter CareBlood drive on January 22.



Courtesy Photo

STEALING THE SPOTLIGHT CiCi Weatherly and Trevor Commons play the main character roles in he Picasso Play on Friday, April 26 at the Jean Brown Theater



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Photo by Taylor Griffin

PLANTING KNOWLEDGE: In honor of the 2013 residential life graduates TJC President Mike Metke and faculty planted a tree by the Vaughn Library on April 24.



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SUMMER LOVE: Snow cones, crawfish and fun games were part of the Spring Fling 2013 on Friday, April 26. (Top) Student Brittany Weatherspoon.

TENNIS

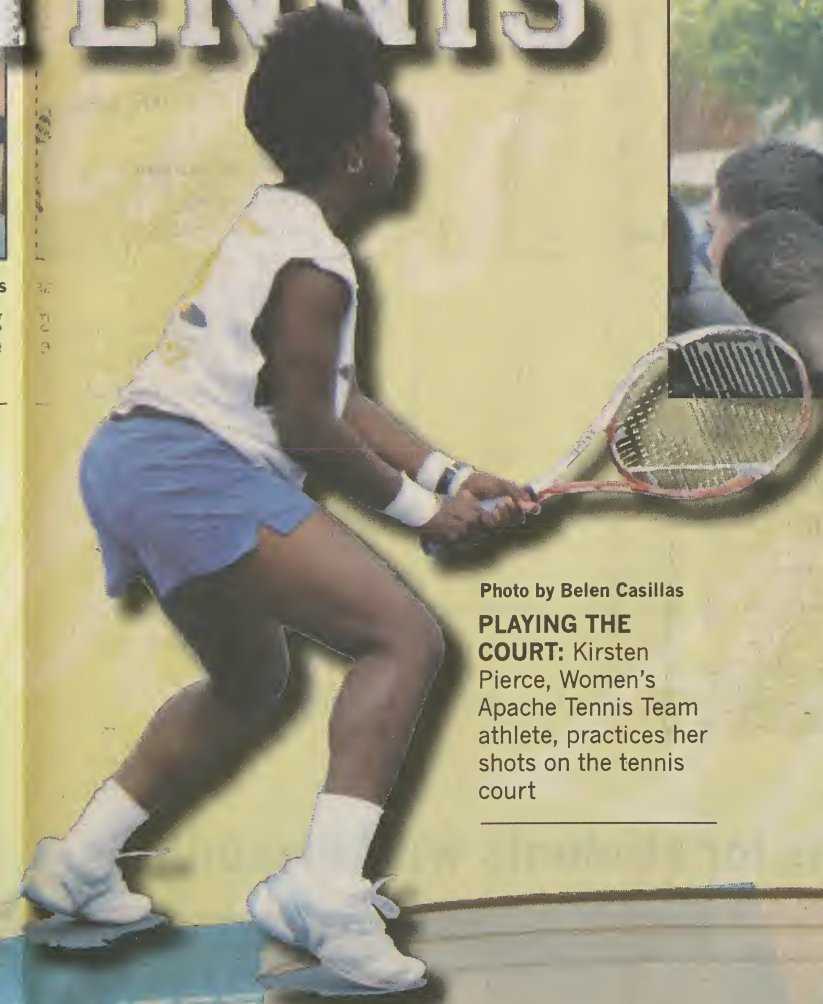


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PLAYING THE COURT: Kirsten Pierce, Women's Apache Tennis Team athlete, practices her shots on the tennis court



Photo by Ani Umana

EVERYBODY IN Defensive players huddle in to Assistant Coach Russel Thompson before going back onto the field for the last 30 minutes of spring training practice on 4/16.



Photo by Belen Casillas

SKETCHING THE BODY: Carina Alvarado, Fine Arts major sketched out a nude model in the new live drawing class which was a sensation this spring.





Making summer memories

The annual summer retreat, YA-A-TE brings TJC students together

By **Brittany Weatherspoon**
Staff Writer

The bus ride to YA-A-TE was filled with nervous, yet anxious students Aug. of 2012. The week long leadership retreat, held at Pine Cove, helps students gain leadership skills.

Although some students had worries about opening up to others, the scenery of soaring trees, a glowing lake,

and cozy cabins brought out the adventurous sides in many of them. The environment of the camp encourages students to come out of their comfort zone and explore the outdoors with new friends.

"There's always at least one student who enters YA-A-TE very shy and unsure of their self, but at some point during the retreat, something 'clicks' and they come out of their shell. It's like seeing an entirely new person emerge. It's absolutely amazing," said Jonathan Sprinkles, the motivational speaker for the retreat.

The weeklong camp will take place Aug. 20-23, a week before the fall 2013 semester. This gives new and returning students the opportunity to learn the skills to succeed in classes, the chance to network, and begin a successful college life. Students participate in many activities and workshops that equip them with leadership skills such as how to gain good communication skills, becoming more confident and working together as a group to achieve a goal.

"It was a great experience for people coming to college. You get to meet new people, enjoy the outdoors and eat great food. They [also] have many events for you," Jamal Cure au, former YA-A-TE attendee said.

Since YA-A-TE is a summer camp, it is advertised to incoming freshman during summer orientation and around campus to returning students. To attend, students need to apply online and pay a \$50 fee, which covers the stay in air-conditioned cabins, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, multiple T-shirts, and charter bus transportation from TJC to Pine Cove. The deadline for the application and fee is Aug. 5. Late registration is between Aug. 6-9 and is \$100.

"It was a great experience, being able to get out and meet incoming freshmen; also being able to hang out with the returning sophomores at this camp," said Jesus Espinoza, former tribal leader of YA-A-TE 2013.

This retreat stimulated the campers' minds with

Photos by Belen Casillas

ESCAPING IT ALL Former and incoming TJC students bond at the annual YA-A-TE summer retreat, August 2012.

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The secrets behind soda: do you know what you're drinking?

By **Hannah Johnson**
Student Life Editor

Many people assume the food they eat couldn't be harmful or unclear because then the Food and Drug Administration wouldn't allow it to be sold in stores or to the general public. Though that is a nice assumption, it is wrong. Many of the foods on grocery store shelves contain harmful chemicals, soda being one of the worst culprits.

"I drink soda every day. I hate water. I'm allergic to water. That's how I look at it," said TJC student, La'Nashia Reed.

"I think it's like smoking. Everyone knows it's bad for them, but they do it anyway, cause it feels good," Mary Shoemaker a sophomore Psychology major said.

Practically everyone drinks sodas. The TJC cafeteria goes through about 21 gallons of soda, Powerade and assorted juices each week. In a random sample conducted by Gallup's annual Consumption Habits poll, it was discovered that 48 percent of Americans drink at least one glass of soda per day. These numbers might decrease drastically if people just knew what is in these drinks.

"There is literally no nutrition in our sodas," said Jon Groth, professor of health and kinesiology.

Coca-Cola, the number one most sold soda on the market, contains phosphoric acid, giving this soda the same pH level as vinegar. According to Forensicsciencetechnician.org, the phosphoric acid in Coke is so high that it

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This age leaves the stage...

TJC professors retiring after years of dedicated teaching

Grace Malone
Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College staff and students are saying their goodbyes to several professors who have chosen to retire after decades of teaching.

Terri Mittica, professor for pediatric nursing, is leaving after 20 years of teaching at TJC.

"My first degree was actually English education, so when I went into college, my expectation was to be a teacher. It was only after that degree and learning about some other stuff that I ... went back (to school) and became a nurse and then pursued nursing education," Mittica said.

Mittica realized that she wanted to switch from English to nursing after her sister had a near-death accident. She was crushed between two cars, causing such physical damage that she received care at the hospital for close to two years.

"During that time, just being there ... being with her, seeing the nurses working with rehab and acute care ... it just really sparked my interest," Mittica said. "I really felt like there was a great need for ... some of the nurses like I saw, and maybe for some of the nurses that weren't like I saw, and felt like that could be a good niche for me."

After teaching English at a high school and a few years of working as a pediatric nurse, Mittica then came to TJC and has been teaching various nursing classes, mainly pediatric, ever since.

She worked for 10 years consecutively, but took a year off after her father passed away to help her mother recover. Mittica returned to TJC to teach the following year.

Mittica said that coming to teach at TJC was a "perfect fit," giving her the opportunity to stay connected to nursing and still have time to adopt and raise two daughters, who were sisters from Austin.

The most rewarding thing for Mittica has been running into previous students and seeing them as nurses themselves.

While writing thank you notes to other nurses she has worked with, Mittica has realized seven of them were students she had taught at some point.

Mittica said it is so rewarding to go to the pediatric floor at the hospital, see former students who are now nurses, and say to them, "Hey,

RETIRING PROFESSORS

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Beverly Bugay
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Sarah Harrison
James Hobbs
Manouchehr Khosrowshahi
Marsha Layton
Clarice Martin
Carrie McFerron
Terri Mittica
Rick Russ
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Chris Smith
Stan Watson

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TJC Disability Services provides a variety of benefits for students with disabilities

By **Mariela Sloan**
Staff Writer

Having a disability should not be an obstacle for students to accomplish their dreams of going to college and pursuing a career. Tyler Junior College has disability services for students who need the extra assistance.

"I want students to know that there are services for students who have a diagnosed disability and need assistance in the classrooms or testing environments," said Margaret Rapp, director for the Disability Services at TJC. "Last semester over 250 students received accommodations through my office."

It may seem as if their condition can impede them from having equal privileges like their classmates who do not have disabilities, but students with disabilities can have access to all buildings, activities and programs on campus.

Disability Services have learned, through years of experience, the potential that students with disabilities have to succeed in their chosen academic area.

Unfortunately, for students with dis-

abilities, there are some factors that keep many of them from obtaining available services. For example, many of these students do not know about the services that are provided for them.

Services for disabled students are created by federal law, which requires every college to accommodate students with disabilities all the help that their condition requires.

Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) require that public colleges and universities provide that reasonable and appropriate accommodations for qualified students with disabilities are maintained.

Since the 1980's, the Disability Services has served students with a variety of disabilities. Their goal is to help every disabled student who is enrolled, and they do not close their doors to anyone.

"Each long semester, the TJC Deaf Service Support Office provides an average of 350-500 hours a week in support services to students with hearing loss," said Tina Dillman, DSSO Coordinator/Sign Language Interpreter at TJC. "These services include captioning, note takers,

interpreters, and other auxiliary aids."

Another fact that many students with disabilities do not know is that colleges like TJC specify on their website or brochure which disabilities qualify students to receive help. Some of the disabilities mentioned are physical disabilities, reading disorders, traumatic brain injuries, learning disorders, neurological disorders, ADD/ADHD, visual difficulty, deafness and/or hard of hearing, as well as AIDS, depression, cancer and bipolar.

Students wanting to apply, must provide all the necessary documentation that proves they are a student in need. Applicants should bring all the paper work to their initial meeting with the service provider.

"To receive accommodations, we require paperwork from their previous school or a doctor showing their diagnosis. With proper documentation, some students can receive certain accommodations, such as extended time and private room testing," said Jevette Danshy, secretary for Disability Services at Tyler Junior College. "It depends on their diagnosis



Photo by Mariela Sloan

LENDING A HELPING HAND Margaret Rapp, director of Disability services, works to make the college experience as comfortable as possible for students with disabilities.

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can dissolve a nail in four days. Currently, this is the most acidic beverage that is sold.

"You can put it (coke) on batteries to get rid of sulfur. Just think about what it's doing to your insides," TJC student Damian Jones said.

Coke is not the only soda offender, however. One of the main ingredients in a can of Mountain Dew is Brominated Vegetable Oil (BVO). This is a food additive used in sodas and sports drinks to keep citrus flavoring from separating. BVO contains bromine, a component found in brominated flame-retardants. According to snopes.com, it has been medically proven that vast consumption of BVO, two or more liters a day, can cause serious health problems. That may seem like an excessive amount of soda, but it is more common than people would think. Some soda drinkers even exceed that amount.

In 2003, a man was diagnosed with a rare skin condition called Bromoderma. Blood tests revealed that this man's bromine level was twice normal limits. This may have been caused by the 8 liters of Ruby Red Squiri, a citrus soda containing BVO, which the man was consuming each day. Some of the other main health problems caused by this oil are major organ system damage, birth defects, growth problems, schizophrenia and hearing loss. This information was found from snopes.com.

Not just the chemical compounds in soda are harmful, though. It has been found that natural ingredients such as sugar are contributing to major health problems. In April 2013, The Imperial College of London conducted a study on the correlation between soda and diabetes and found that the risks of developing type 2 Diabetes increased up to 22 percent when a person drinks soda. This was the case even if someone drinks only one soda a day.

To avoid the high sugar content in sodas, many people have switched over to diet drinks.

"I think there is so little known about the sugar substitutes in diet drinks that I don't know if the diet drinks are a good alternative either,"

Groth said.

Kimberly Snyder, author of the New York Times bestseller, The Beauty Detox Food, crushes the belief of diet soda being healthy in her blog post, "The 8 Dangers of Diet Soda."

The most commonly used sweeteners in diet sodas is aspartame. Aspartame is 200 times as sweet as sugar and also acts as a neurotoxin. When aspartame breaks down, phenylalanine, aspartic acid and methanol are released in the body. When methanol, a wood-alcohol poison, heats to a temperature above 86 degrees Fahrenheit it converts to formaldehyde. The human body's normal temperature is 98.6 degrees. Aspartame also builds up in the brain and acts as an excitotoxin which can excite brain neurons to the point of cell death.

Increased obesity is also a risk of diet sodas, because even though there is no caloric value in diet drinks, they may impact insulin levels similarly to sugar. Because of the sweetness of sugar substitutes, the human body perceives it as sugar and the pancreas kicks in, releasing insulin to consume what it believes to be sugar.

The University of Miami Miller School of Medicine conducted a study on diet soda and heart disease. They discovered that the risk of a cardiovascular event occurring increases by 61 percent for those who drink diet soda daily. They followed more than 2,500 people for nine years, and during that time 559 vascular events occurred.

Despite all the health problems that can arise from drinking soda and diet soda, people persist in drinking them, due mostly to the fact on how addicting they can be.

"I found the less I drink them, the more I crave them," Shoemaker said.

Although the best choice is to cut soda out entirely and drink water instead, some other healthier, but flavorful substitutes to these beverages are low-sugar sports drinks and natural fruit juices.

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group sessions led by Sprinkles. In one of the activities, students take a survey that puts them in certain color category, explaining their personality, work ethics, and the way they work in groups. It opened their eyes on traits they may have just discovered about themselves or need to improve on. It also allows some students to become closer because they share common attributes with other people in their group. In Sprinkle's speeches, he explained how to be confident, stay positive, and to always include and inspire others.

"From the day I met Mr. Sprinkles at orientation, then again at camp, I knew that he could help me come out of my comfort zone. He was really funny but at the same time, serious enough to leave a positive message on me and other students who needed to find themselves, too," DaVonte Wade, Apache Chief and past YA-A-TE camper, said.

Students coming out of this retreat are equipped with long lasting lessons that are intended to be demonstrated around campus. Tyler Junior College encourages students to become the new president of an organization, join an organization, or even start one. This inspiration challenges students to not only become more involved on campus, but to show leadership skills by helping other students.

"I always provide motivation to be more active on campus, but now more than ever, my passion is to get people to start a movement. I'm tired of leadership as usual. I want to see more activism, more strategic partnerships, and more people being served. I expect to see a shift in the entire Tyler, Texas community due to the efforts of some TJC students who are committed to their dream," Sprinkles said.

After the workshops are done for the day, the campers are able to put their new learned lessons to work. Activities such as, water balloon dodge ball, canoeing games and kickball put students to the test on becoming a leader. As the days go on, personal shells begin to break and the tribes begin to bond like a family. Group members cheer one another on more and gladly perform their chants when they win a game.

At night, everyone has the opportunity to interact with each tribe at events such as, a "Stop-light Party", Casino night, trip to a water park and scary movies. Also, Pine Cove provides hands-on activities for campers like a zip-line, swimming pool, canoeing, basketball, football and volleyball. This time allows students to bond even more and got to know each other without competitiveness.

"I would recommend YA-A-TE to students because it's a great experience for people coming into college. You get to meet new people and you enjoy the outdoors," Doquez Owens, a past attendee, said.

For more information, such as what to bring, where it is located and where to register, students can go online to the TJC website and search Apache YA-A-TE in the search bar or contact the Center of Student Life Office at (903) 510- 2797.

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and their need.

Disability Services provides all types of accommodations, but they can vary among students depending upon his or her unique learning style.

Disability Services approves students to tape record lectures, relocate classes or programs to accessible locations, arrange special testing locations, use a sign language interpreter, receive books or text on CD or receive a copy of class notes.

According to the TJC Support Services website, the office provides sign language interpreters for students attending classes, tutoring sessions with tutors who do not know sign language, meetings with instructors and advisors, club meetings, Continuing Education classes,

Adult Basic Education, GED, tests and other college functions.

Students can make an appointment between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday with Support Service located in Rogers Student Center-308. There, students will fill out the necessary paperwork and receive a handbook with Policies and Procedures.

For more information about Disability Services, contact Margaret Rapp, director of Disability Services at 903-510-2878 or E-mail: mrapp@tjc.edu. For students who are deaf and/or hard of hearing, assistance is available by contacting Tina Dillman, Interpreter and Coordinator at 903-510-2841 or E-mail: tdill@tjc.edu.

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I taught you!"

"It's just a fun thing to see them years down the road ... remembering them from when they were in my class," Mittica said.

She hopes to do more nursing-related activities in the future, but wants to take these last few years that her daughters are in high school to have more time to spend with them. To her, family is the "most important thing."

Another TJC professor retiring this semester is paralegal professor and coordinator, Carrie McFerron, who has taught at TJC for 25 years.

"This is the thing I was created to do," McFerron said. "I have really enjoyed it because I feel like I am helping people find a career."

McFerron received a degree in public relations at the University at Oklahoma and then went on to get her Juris Doctorate at Texas Tech University for law. After that, she started her career as a professor at TJC.

"I took a big pay cut to do this (teach), but I never regretted it," McFerron said. "It enabled me to have a family ... and to be with my kids more than I would if I were still in the corporate world."

Although McFerron's classes have mostly been hybrid or online classes, she has learned how to get to know her students, and their work ethic better than in the normal classroom setting.

"I think I get to know students better online because ... it's easier for them to approach me," McFerron said. "In a classroom, they

are not necessarily going to tell me what's wrong, but I think, online, they can send me a little message and tell me what's going on."

McFerron's plan after retiring is to co-operate a software program business with her husband.

"I'm young enough to do something else, so this seems like a good time to make that transition," McFerron said.

Sarah Harrison, professor and department chair for English will be retiring after teaching for 37 years.

"This school has been a great second-home for me," Harrison said. "It's been my career, a big part of my life spent here at this college."

Harrison double-majored and received her bachelors in both English and journalism. She taught classes at TJC for both fields of study for eight years and then chose to focus on teaching English and writing an English textbook.

Some of Harrison's highlights at TJC include being honored by faculty in 2001 when she was selected as an "endowed chair" and awarding the Herrin excellence award to selected staff members each year.

Harrison created the Herrin award in 2001, named after her parents W. Oscar and Marguerite Herrin, to recognize the hard work of the TJC staff. The faculty vote for the top three faculty members they think are most deserving of the award who will win \$500 cash for their efforts.

Harrison also recalls the support she received from TJC staff when her closest family, her stepdad, mother and only brother, passed away unexpectedly one after another.

"This college was a tre-

mendous support to me during all that," Harrison said. In retiring, Harrison "just wants to relax a little bit."

"I am ready to do something a little different," Harrison said. "The last seven years as chair has been a good experience for me. It has been something I don't regret doing, but I think it is time for, I think, new ideas. It is time for someone else to take the helm."

Paula Buck, an English professor, has chosen to retire this semester, as well. After 45 years at TJC, Buck plans to transition to a more relaxed pace of living. Buck, at first, had no desire of going to college, although she became valedictorian of her graduating class at Kenedy High School. She went on to business school to become an executive secretary and started working.

Everything changed when her cousin, told her she could pick any college she wanted to go to, and he would pay for it. She went on to what is now Texas A&M in Corpus Christi, majoring in English.

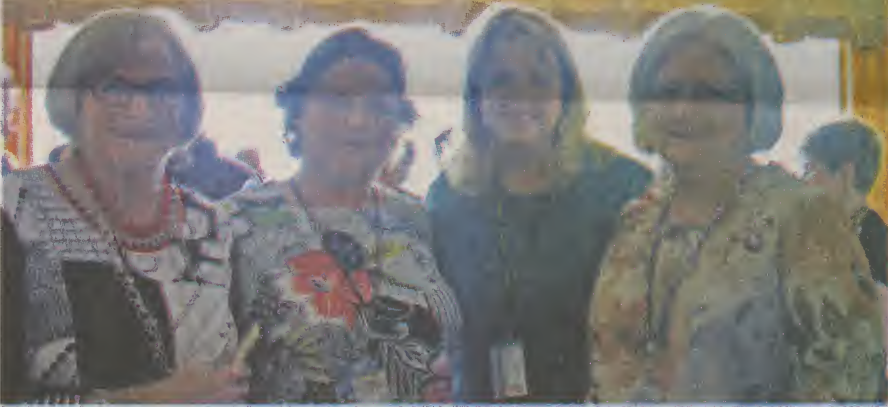
Buck learned that she was not cut out for being an elementary English teacher and began working up to getting her master's. Once she finished her master's degree, she was called by TJC and told that they had an opening for her to teach.

"I came out here in 1968 and started teaching, and have loved every minute of it," said Buck. "It has just flown by."

Now, 45 years later, Buck has chosen to retire due to age differences making it harder for her and her students to understand each other. Also, she wants to spend more time with her grandkids.

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Social media changing the way we live day to day

Local law enforcement uses Facebook and Twitter to get information to society

By Ashleigh Brents
News Editor

When the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks happened, the popularity of social media as a news source was not even a factor. The main way to get the news was through radio, television, and newspapers.

The recent bombings during the Boston Marathon on April 15 had many people across the United States buzzing. News stations, radio stations, and newspapers were trying to find credible sources.

Many Tyler Junior College students found out about the bombings through Facebook, Twitter, or the Internet rather than finding out through traditional media.

"I found out on the Internet when it popped up on MSN.com," said Theresa Kropf, a TJC student.

"I first heard about it on Facebook not surprisingly," said Blake Hopkins, another TJC student.

However, only one day after the Boston Marathon Bombing, fake pictures were released onto the Internet. Several people read the sob stories. The one that stood out most was the picture of a man holding his "fiance". The image creator explained that the guy in the picture was going to ask his girlfriend to marry him when the bomb went off. When the picture and story went viral many bloggers sympathized while others suspected fraud.

After much speculation, the photo and the story wasn't real.

All of these recent events have shed a light on how social media has changed the way people receive their news. Not only the way people get their news, but also how officials and news professionals get information for investigations.

"I think social media has completely changed how the world communicates. For years we relied on the big three which was radio, television, and newspapers," said John Moore, public information officer for the Smith County Sheriff's Office. "And now the world talks through email and social media. Facebook par-

"I think social media has completely changed..."

-John Moore
PIO Smith County Sheriff's Office

ticularly has had an impact on how information is distributed."

The Smith County Sheriff's Office has both a Facebook and Twitter account. Both accounts are checked regularly for information and posting breaking news and what's going on in the county. But there is also a downside to social media networking.

The New York Post shortly after the Boston Bombings released an article on the front page of the paper saying to look for two men with backpacks. Later it was revealed that they had captured a picture of the wrong men. Both men in the picture were framed for the bombing when they were only at the race as spectators.

Blog pages such as Reddit were releasing information that wasn't true and only working off of the information they were hearing on the news and through the social media grapevine. It's like the game telephone, by the end of the game the story someone started with is no longer the same.

"Whether it's the correct information or not, that's where we have to be really careful," said Moore. "That's the problem with social media, anyone can put anything on Facebook, Twitter, or the Internet for that matter. Whether it's right, wrong, or wrong on purpose. Social media can be used not only as a way to distribute information but also as a propaganda tool."

Back in January of 2013, Smith County Sheriff's Office started their Facebook page as a way of distributing information and receiving the information. When John Moore took his position as public information officer in February, they launched their Twitter page in March due to the significant increase in information and feedback.

"Not only lets people receive and see what we tweet but it also allows them to respond or comment," Moore said. "We've seen an increase in information flow. Some people are just providing assistance or making comments about either a crime or something going on. We've also had people contact us through private messages on Facebook to say, 'Hey I want to talk about a specific crime, can someone call me?'"

Moore said that by adding all these ways of communication it has helped significantly reduce crime. He said that whether someone likes to talk over Facebook or the telephone Smith County Sheriff's Office tries to provide as many avenues that people can use.

To add more ways of communication, Moore said the Sheriff's Office plans to launch a tip service in the coming months called Tip 411, which will let the public electronically submit information about crimes or anything that needs to be addressed even if the person would not like to be identified.

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outside the city limits of Nacogdoches. Her love for journalism was first discovered at TJC while taking a News Writing class taught by Krantz.

"If I had not gone to TJC, and had Krantz as a mentor, I would not be the reporter I am today," said Sarah Hall, the County Reporter for the Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel.

After homeschooling for most of her life, Hall got her GED, graduated and went to TJC in the spring of 2008.

Hall planned on studying to be a radio disk jockey, because of her past experience djing for 89.5 KVNE Christian radio station, but changed her major when she found out TJC didn't offer a program for that.

Hall's career path changed when Krantz, the Department Chair of Communications at TJC, pulled Hall out of an Intro to Mass Communications class one day and convinced her to switch to journalism.

From that point on, Hall knew that journalism was what she meant to do. Hall went from writing for the Verve section of the *Apache Pow Wow* to being Editor in Chief.

After graduating in May of 2010, Hall took time off from school to work and save money. She continued her studies at Stephen F. Austin

University and graduated in December of 2012.

During the summer of 2012, Hall began working as a paid intern at the *Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel*. One day, Hall went to see her boss, Debi Ryan, and asked if they would hire her full time once she graduated from SFA. The answer wasn't immediately a "yes" but that would later change.

"The closer graduation got, the harder I worked," Hall said.

Only three days after Hall graduated, she was working a full-time job at the *Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel*.

Regarding her job, Hall said she's "Loved it ever since."

Hall's career in journalism, in her opinion, is "An eye-opener to the world. It's always something different...You learn about people and yourself too."

Faith Harper, another former TJC student, is doing everything from nighttime crime reporting to on-camera news broadcasting for the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*.

Harper went to Bullard High School, and participated in the Old Henry News Program. She was the elementary school editor for the paper. After graduating in 2004, Harper went

to TJC but quickly dropped out, thinking she wanted to become a massage therapist. She went to a massage school to learn how to do it, but the dream was short lived.

"I always joke that you would think rubbing naked people for a living is fun, but it's really not," Harper said.

Harper returned to TJC and was encouraged by her friend Lady Redding to study journalism. Krantz was also Harper's news writing teacher. The first year was a general news writing class, but Harper began to focus in on her writing.

"I loved it...and I just took off with it. I would pick up extra story assignments...and extra photo assignments for the editors," said Harper.

All the hard work paid off as Harper was selected to be the Managing Editor for the *Apache Pow Wow* the next semester.

In the spring of 2008, Harper graduated from TJC and went to Texas State University at San Marcos. A year later, Harper applied for a job at the *Jacksonville Daily Progress* newspaper and was hired.

The day Harper went in for her interview, before she even said a word, her publisher, Ja-

nette Greg said, "Faith, you're exactly what I'm looking for."

"This was the best decision I have ever made," Harper said, reflecting on the time she worked in the Jacksonville newsroom.

The newspaper company took a turn for the worse, and everyone ended up leaving the business; all except Harper and her best friend Marivel Resendez. The two ladies covered every aspect of the newspaper for a few months until a new staff began to be hired.

"I can put together a newspaper if I had to...I can do all of it," Harper said.


Last year, when a position opened up for Harper to write for the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*, she left the Jacksonville paper and began writing for the Tyler paper.

Currently, Harper covers features and crime stories for the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*.


There's nothing better than getting that "News high" Harper calls it, when a fresh story is published to the paper.

"Being a woman in this business is not easy," Krantz said. "I think these women have gone out there and done a fantastic job of taking what they've learned and building on those skills and making a great career for themselves."


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TJC student awaits a New York internship

By Dana Smith
Staff Writer

Bright lights and tall buildings; an Apache is heading to the Big Apple this summer.

Sydney Walter will be walking the streets of New York City, but this is more than just for pleasure, she will be completing her first internship for two months at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre.

"I just started googling random internships," said Walter, theatre student at Tyler Junior College. "At first I was like let's just stay local ... then I was like you know, let's just have fun with it and I just kind of started going all over. I didn't actually think I'd get anything."

Coming to TJC, Walter began as a costume maker and then took an interest in backstage tech by working lighting and sound props. When she and a couple of friends spoke about Summer Stock, an organization offering internships for theatre students to participate in onstage performances. Walter began to roam the internet in search of an internship that could apply toward her major. After reading about *The Book of Mormon*, a Broadway musical currently showing at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre, Walter came across an internship. She knew it couldn't hurt to try and apply for a lighting tech position. This brought her closer to something she thought could never happen.

"I was like, oh well, you know, whatever happens, happens and so I just let it happen," said Walter. "I ended up getting an email about a week later for an interview ... It was my first time I had ever decided to do something like this so I was like you know, even if I don't get it it's for the experience."

After the interview, Walter patiently waited for a final answer. She then unexpectedly got another email from a smaller company in Greene, N.Y. at Chenango River Theatre. The company was pleased with her and even offered her an internship with free housing starting May 18. Still not hearing from Eugene O'Neill, Walter was ready to say yes to the offer at the smaller company.

"I was on the phone with my mom and my phone started vibrating ... I looked at the number and



Photos by Dana Smith
TJC STUDENT GOES TO INTERN IN NEW YORK

TJC's own Sydney Walter received an internship to the Eugene O'Neill Theatre for a lighting tech position.

said "Mom hold on!" so I clicked over," said Walter. "She said 'I have some good news for you ... I would like to offer you the internship at the Eugene O'Neill' and the one smart thing that pops in my head is ... 'Are you April Fooling me?'"

Still shocked of the news, Walter struggled between choosing to leave for the bigger or the smaller company in New York or staying home and following her original plans of taking summer classes. Though it was exciting, she never expected or prepared herself for any of this to happen. After speaking with her parents

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In the mind of the artist

The motivation and inspiration that leads these artists into their pieces

By Mandy Drager
Verve Editor

Behind every piece of artwork, dance performance or theatre production, there is an artist. Behind every artist is an inspiration or motivation that pushes them into the creators they are.

Revealing the artist within takes time for some. For others, it takes no time but it does take a consistent factor... expression. Expression, being an implied power, opens doors for the artist within to become a physical piece.

Skylar Shepherd, Tyler Junior College dance major, along with Richard Oaxaca, TJC student, choreographed a dance for the Student Faculty Recital that was performed on April 13. This piece was called the "Circle of Life".

Oaxaca had already watched, on TV, 'So You Think You Can Dance' and then presented the idea to Shepherd that they should redo the same piece.

Dance, being a form of expression, incorporates diverse movement and inner strength that can result in an indirect, but personal performance.

Shepherd is a dancer and choreographer. Her passion for dance pushes her into the hard work that is incorporated in her performing as well as in her own pieces. She desires to portray her love and care for her craft while dancing.

"It makes me feel 10-times better than when I started," Shepherd said.

The various art forms stretch and contain multiple branches. Ruby Davis, TJC art major, has been doing forms of art since she can remember. Her love and enjoyment of visual art has taken her to a different mindset with her pieces. Embracing the unusual is standard for Davis.

"I like to do, I guess, weird stuff... stuff that most people don't really like," Davis said. "I did a portfolio over imperfections of beauty; stuff that people don't really think is pretty."

In Davis' "imperfection" portfolio she showcases pictures of bad teeth, having a lazy eye, abundance of freckles, and scars; her purpose was to show the beauty behind "imperfections."

With ambitions to be an art therapist, Davis strives to help others while incorporating her craft.

"I've always loved art, but I knew I never wanted to be a starving artist," Davis said. "I want to help people, so it kind of came together."

For TJC theatre major Cedrick Cain, motivation is what pushes him, motivation to be the best role model he can be for his niece and nephew. He aspires to help "set a foundation for them."

His acting goes back to his first role as a freshman in high school. He was lead in "Little Shop of Horrors" and his passion for entertaining grew from there.

"From that moment on, I knew that this is something that I want to do," Cain said.

Getting to dive into a new character, a new world is an aspect that Cain thoroughly enjoys and thrives on.

"I feel like I was put on this world to entertain," said

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MOVIE REVIEW

Hollywood puts out a dark summer

By Taylor Griffin
Editor-in-Chief

Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire, and Carey Mulligan—4.5/5 Chips)

It's official: the cinematic summer of epic proportions has arrived as of this week, and from what Hollywood has lined up, dark is the new light.

The trailers from many of the movies depict apocalyptic, dystopian worlds as well as the typical angst found in DC Comics films.

While it's certainly too early to tell which will rise above the others as king of the proverbial sandlot, this summer movie season is serving up a hearty plate of comic book legends with a side of part deus, doomsdays, and a dash of DiCaprio.

Personally, I'm psyched to say the least about this summer at the box office, and I'm positive my wallet will take a huge beating because of it. There are at least 25 movies ready to wow us this season, but here are the top 7 movies that I'm looking out for this summer along with my projected rating in the usual Buffalo Chips style.

"Iron Man 3" (May 3)

The man in the metal suit returns in a third installment of this hit superhero franchise. Although Iron Man is not my favorite Avenger, I do expect it to follow suit—no pun intended—with its predecessors, and it's certainly a great way to begin the summer with a bang. (Starring Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, and Ben Kingsley—4/5 Chips)

"The Great Gatsby" (May 10)

I cannot tell you how anxiously I've awaited this upcoming adaptation to one of my all-time favorite classics. With the mix of a grade-A ensemble cast plus the unexpected twist in music from Jay-Z and unmatched vision of Baz Luhrman, I really don't see how this perfect storm of a movie could go wrong. (Starring

"The Hangover Part III" (May 24)

Yes, the Wolf Pack returns (again) for this new—and hopefully final—installment of this college-humor classic. Of course, I'll go see it—I'm too invested in the series, but after the underwhelming feeling from the last one, I'm none too keen on setting any sort of high expectation. (Starring Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis, and Ed Helms—2.5/5 Chips)

"This Is the End" (June 12)

I think what excites me most about this movie is not the fact that it heralds a slew of big name funny folks, but it also allows them to play versions of themselves surviving the apocalypse. This one could either be terribly funny or just plain terrible. Here's to hoping. (Starring Seth Rogen, Jonah Hill, and James Franco—3.5/5 Chips)

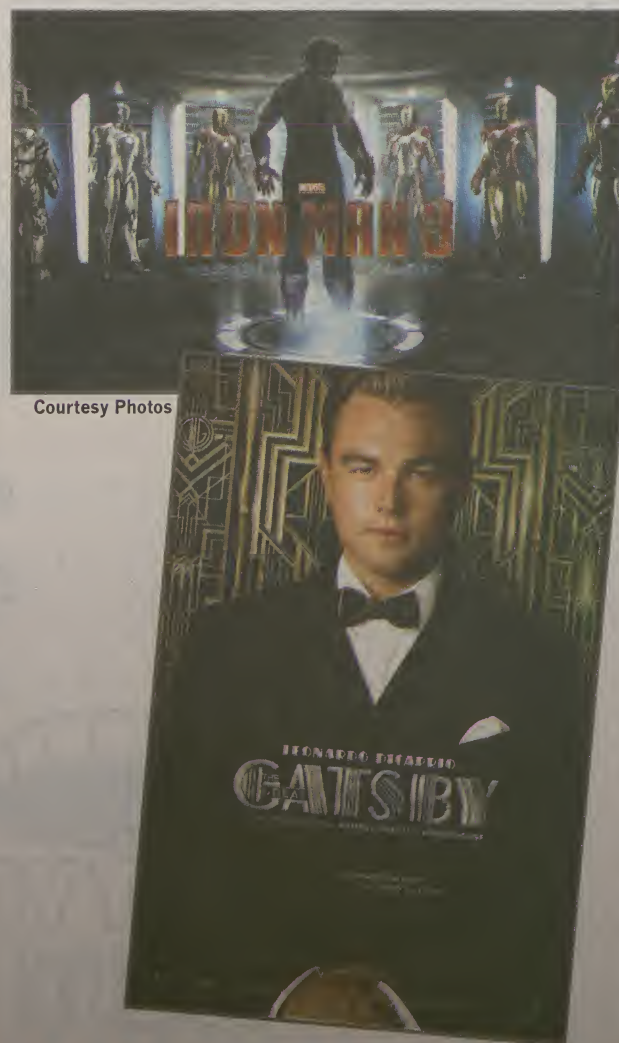
"Man of Steel" (June 14)

While I'm not exactly the biggest DC Comics fan (in fact, not one at all), this new superhero flick appeals to all of my movie senses. Plus, the newly casted Superman is a babe. (Starring Henry Cavill and Amy Adams—4.5/5 Chips)

"World War Z" (June 21)

Some see this flick as just another notch in the zombie movie genre, but I have a feeling this one will be a whole different ballpark. It may just be a personal thing, but watching Brad Pitt fight off a global zombie pandemic just sounds...awesome. (Starring Brad Pitt—4/5 Chips)

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ARTIST

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Cain.

English professor and Coordinator of the Honors Program T.J. McLemore feels that it is vital for students to be self-expressive.

“There’s something fundamental about wanting to express yourself in a way that no other human has ever expressed,” McLemore said.

McLemore believes that the foundation of self-expression is to learn about the craft, to see how things work, the proper essentials. Once the essentials are there, that is when the

creativity can flourish.

“What we have to work with is our experience,” McLemore said. “What we’ve lived in our lives and finding the time and the space and the honesty to look at my experience and turn that into something more than just my life.”

There is not a cookie-cutter that says “Self-expression;” there is no limit to how one can express themselves.

“It’s like a different way of existing,” McLemore said.



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SELF-EXPRESSION
Everyone expresses themselves differently. The most important aspect of that is the actual expression itself. Cedrick Cain (Lower left), Ruby Davis (Above), and Skylar Shepherd (Left) express themselves through their crafts.

INTERNSHIP

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Though it was exciting, she never expected or prepared herself for any of this to happen. After speaking with her parents and professors she knew it was a once in a lifetime thing and decided to go with the Eugene O'Neill Theatre.

Walter will begin her internship June 3 and will work six days a week, ending August 14. She will also be taking 13 hours online during the two months in New York City. Although she won't be getting paid, she realized this was her chance to do something she has a passion for. With this experience, Walter said she doesn't have to look back with any regrets.

“I'm glad I'm doing these things now, that I'm getting to go out and explore, and see what it's like ... than not take these opportunities now and regret it later when I want to do stuff like this.”

With the support of her professors, she is willing to get over her worries and take the next big step.

“That is so out of the ordinary,” said Theatre Professor Dr. David Crawford. “She is the first one to get this big of an internship like this right out of TJC.”

Crawford encouraged Walter to do this because it's something he would even do himself.

“This will put her into contact with many people she can lean on,” said Crawford. “This could make her career because she'll be working in a working theatre, a Broadway theatre ... this will open doors for her.”

Though Walter was doubtful at first, Crawford assured her that this is a huge opportunity that could help her in the future. Not only did Crawford encourage her along the way, another theatre professor was Jacob Davis.

“They don't expect you to come in knowing at all. That's the point of it, it's a learning experience,” said Davis. “She had the basics and that's what they saw, that she knew and had that exposure.”

After taking his stagecraft class, Walter realized lighting was something she wanted to do. With this class Walter, along with other theatre students are aware of the fundamentals before coming into an internship.

“My goal with them is that when they're done with this class they can at any point go and work at a regional theatre around and have the knowledge to start working there,” said Davis.

MOVIES

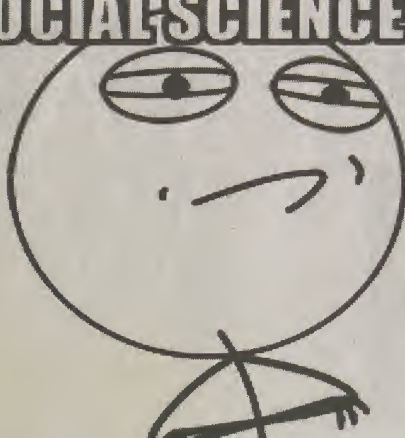
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“The Lone Ranger” (July 3)
Ever since the photos of Johnny Depp's odd-looking rendition of Tonto surfaced on the internet, moviegoers have been more than curious to see what all the fuss is about. In this update of a classic, I'm thinking “Pirates of the Caribbean” meets spaghetti western. (Starring Armie Hammer and Johnny Depp—3.5/5 Chips)

COMPLETE LIST OF SUMMER MOVIES

- “Iron Man 3” (May 3)
- “The Great Gatsby” (May 10)
- “Peeples” (May 10)
- “Star Trek Into Darkness” (May 17)
- “Epic” (May 24)
- “Fast and Furious 6” (May 24)
- “The Hangover Part III” (May 24)
- “After Earth” (May 31)
- “Now You See Me” (May 31)
- “The Internship” (June 7)
- “This Is the End” (June 12)
- “Man of Steel” (June 14)
- “Monsters University” (June 21)
- “World War Z” (June 21)
- “The Heat” (June 28)
- “The Lone Ranger” (July 3)
- “Grown Ups 2” (July 12)
- “Pacific Rim” (July 12)
- “RED 2” (July 19)
- “The Wolverine” (July 26)
- “Disney's Planes” (Aug. 9)
- “Elysium” (Aug. 9)
- “Kick-Ass 2” (Aug. 16)
- “The World's End” (Aug. 23)
- “The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones” (Aug. 23)

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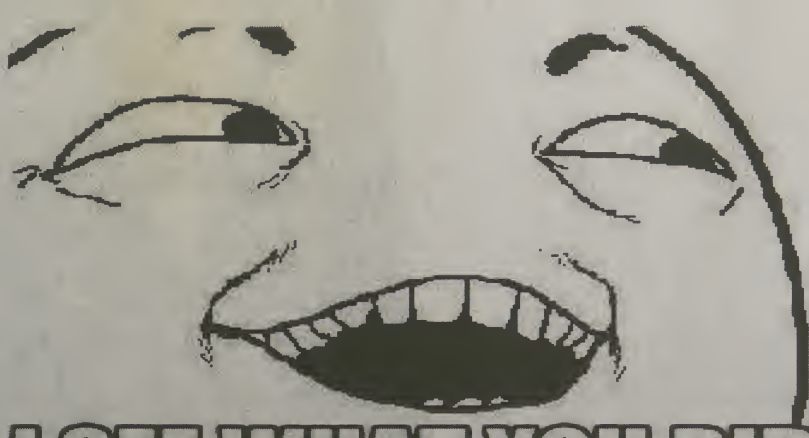
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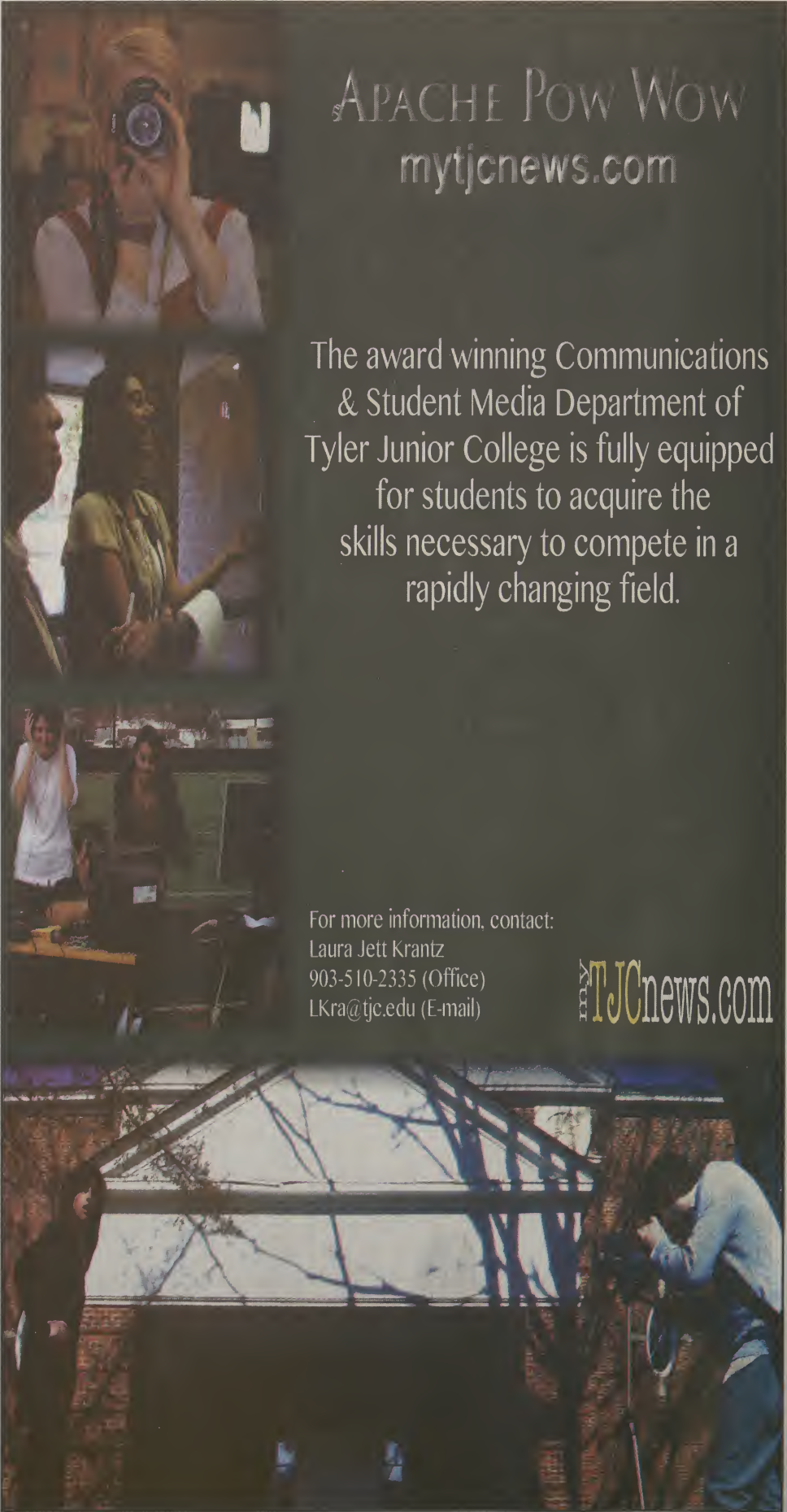
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Campus PD ensures safety for summer students

By Sam Fiser and Jake Spadie
Staff Writers

Staying on campus into the summer can be a thought some would consider insane. People start talking about long car drive back home, or the burden of having to move back and forth as the semesters change.

"It gets old fast. Having to pack up every few months just to come right back again is kind of a pain... because I never get to actually settle in like I would at home or at my old apartment," said Jennifer Suarez, a sophomore at Tyler Junior College.

The students who are staying on campus over the summer just finish bubbling in the last answer and start walking to their home—in the dorms.

"It actually helps out a lot because it's only \$625 for the whole summer. A lot of apartments around here would charge double or triple that for the same amount of time," said Blake Arnold, a freshman that is staying at TJC for the summer.

Although students who are staying on campus have a lower rent payment, the same safety precautions apply after the semester is over.

Campus police and TJC personnel will be available and TJC personnel and even a majority of students leaving for the summer, which increases the officer-to-student ratio.

"Safety really isn't an issue that I think much about here. There is always staff here and the biggest thing to happen is usually just a fight or maybe something gets stolen, but never

anything too scary," said Suarez.

According to Campus Police Chief Randy Melton, students who stay in the summer are considered to be more serious and many times these students come from other schools in the hopes of raising their GPA's.

"Of the ones (students) that go to summer school... these are the ones that are more motivated," said Campus Police Chief Randy Melton.

Both, Melton and Executive Director of Security Dr. Thomas A. Johnson do not expect many problems to arise with the students staying on campus during the summer.

"We have very little contact, historically, with the students that stay here during the summer months," said Melton.

Students should be aware that the general

rules and TJC code of conduct still apply and will be enforced by the Campus Police.

All students will be housed in Claridge Hall for the summer. The dormitory is not normally coed, but it will be over the course of the summer. Spaces are limited with a maximum capacity of 82.

New students attending summer school still need to apply for housing, complete background checks and make sure their shot records are current with admissions.

Should a situation arise that needs the attention of Campus Safety, please call (903) 510-2222.

RAPE

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Rape is one of the most talked about crimes in a student's academic career. In a campus atmosphere where the coalition of alcohol and drugs are a major part of many student's night live, there is always someone in the class that has experience the trauma themselves or they either know a family member or of a friend who has been raped. Yet 42 percent of the victims do not tell anyone, according to the HarperCollins Publishers 'I Never Called it Rape' report.

For Liliana Reyna, a sophomore business administration major, it was a first cousin who was sexually assaulted at the age of 13 by another family member, making the pain more real than just a statistic.

"It was a dramatic change for her... she was a sweet innocent girl. She became real depressed afterwards. She tried to kill herself many times because of it. She ended in the hospital a few

times," Reyna said. "It never crosses your mind someone so close would do something, specially a girl that young."

Although the young victim was accused by acquaintances of provoking the perpetrator and discourage to go through with the charges because the effect it would have on her family, with courage and her family's support the victims continued with the charge.

"It changes the person. It changes the family. It's a horrible thing to go through," Reyna said. "There's so much you can say. So much you can do, if you have never been in that situation, you don't know how that person feels. Just be there and support them."

Every sexual assault situation differs, but when victims fail to report such acts, it's harmful for other people.

CHANGE

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The department speculates to have these restaurants up and running for students by the fall of 2013. The convenience of these on campus locations will save students money and time.

For more information, students should contact the assistant director of campus services, Dana Ballard, at 903-510-3313 or dbal@tjc.edu.

campusSCENE



Photo by Taylor Griffin

NEW GROWTH Three new trees were planted next to Vaughn Library on April 24, 2013. This particular tree was given on behalf of Petty Irrigation. Mayor Barbara Bass, TJC president Dr. Metke and two Petty Irrigation management members attended the tree planting.

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Keeping it Smooth With Ani Suavé

Draft Grades

By Ani Umana
Sports Editor

The NFL draft is over and the draft grades, analysis, and fan riots will continue for another week.

Drafts in every port, the teams are looking to fill a void with a rookie with the price being cheaper than signing a veteran free agent.

But the most anticipated draft grades/analysis is here for the Texas teams (Dallas Cowboys, Houston Texans) by of course yours truly, Ani Suave.

With "Americas Team" the Cowboys originally had the 18th pick but decided to trade down with the San Francisco 49'ers and had the 31st pick and a extra pick in the third round. Needs for the Cowboys are offensive lineman, defensive lineman, and safety.

Cowboys drafted center Travis Frederick from Wisconsin University in the first round and they addressed one of their needs and Frederick will be a starter right from the start, but when a high valued first round pick is there for you to draft like defensive lineman Sharrif Floyd from Florida at 18, why trade down? Players that are viewed to be a top ten pick slips down that far, fills a big need for your team, and can potentially be a star player..... You don't have to tell me twice to select him. Dallas played it safe and that is fine, but Suave can't understand not picking the best available player with high potential.

Now the third round pick is another pick I will address because that was the extra potential asset the cowboys got from the trade.

Tarrence Williams from Baylor University was selected with that pick and Suave approves of this selection. Williams is not a starter right away but the 6'2 wide receiver will be placed as the third wide receiver and gives quarterback Tony Romo another option in the passing game. But what I like about Williams is his potential in being a star player. He was arguably a top three receiver in college football last season and him slipping into the third round is a steal.

The Cowboys will have to undergo some criticism for selecting seven players and only one can truly be penciled in as a first-day starter.

Draft Grade: C+ Missed out on some day-one starters in the first two rounds, but also selected some high potential players.

Now for the Houston Texans, who I view as having one of the better drafts out of the 32 teams in the league by filling needs, and drafting the best available player.

WR DeAndre Hopkins from Tennessee with the 27th pick was the best available player at the time when the Texans picked and it filled a huge need at the wide receiver for them. He could finally be the guy to complement and, perhaps one day, replace All Pro receiver Andre Johnson. Second round pick, safety D.J. Swearinger is not a day-one starter but he will fill a big role in special teams and will most likely be the back up safety so he will get time on the field.

Suave approves defensive end Sam Montgomery as a third round pick because his talent exceeds third-round value, but his work ethic is questionable. If defensive coordinator Wade Phillips can light a fire under him, that can be a solid starter.

Draft Grade: A filled some needs and picked up some high potential players.

This is the last column for this man and it has been a good year and of course I will leave you one last time with a message my assistant high school basketball coach would tell me.

"Keep it smooth ladies and gentlemen."

Redemption

Baseball team looks to reach World Series again

BASEBALL

By Ani Umana
Sport editor

The goal of a sports team is to be number one, be a champion, be the last one standing, for the Apache Baseball team, being close last year gives them the drive to get over the hump this year.

Some of the best teams experience failure before they reach success. For example the men's soccer team this year came back from a national semi final loss last season to come back and be champions.

For sophomore pitcher Jacob French, he likes the team play right now going into the conference playoffs.

"Definitely a lot of motivation this year, especially after being so close last



Photo by Sam Fiser

ABOVE: Out fielder Erik Galaz catches a outfield hit during the Apache's practice on 4/30/13

year, coming back this year, we are getting hot at the right time," French said.

Head Coach Doug Wren knows the sophomores desire to get back and finish

the season the right way.

"There are a lot of sophomores (this year) on the team last year, and they have some motivation to get back and get the job done.

Freshman second baseman Justin Monsour likes the experience he's gain playing college baseball and is ready for the challenges coming.

"Its exciting being part of this. It's new to me, my first time playing college baseball and playing in a large atmosphere is really cool," Monsour said.

The sophomores leadership has helped the freshman assimilate with the team quick and that has helped with team chemistry.

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Photos by Sam Fiser

ABOVE: The Apache's use practice time to work on fielding and pitching. Good practices and execution is needed to make it back to the World Series and get over the hump to win it all.

Growing up into an Apache Star

Athletes share how they got to play the sport they play

By Christopher Gray
Staff Writer

Senior year, she was named defensive player of the year.

Vincent searched for a school to play and where she would like attending school also and finally made her decision to attend Tyler Junior College.

For freshman football player Caleb Brady, the 6'4 320 pound right tackle has always played football, and knew from a young age that it was the sport he wanted to pursue collegiately

"Football has been the only sport I ever played but I never knew it would take me this far," said Brady.

Brady, who hails from Washington State, says football is not taking as serious as it is in Texas.

At first he played football to fit in with the cool kids and be a part of an organization but now he looks at football as a career.

Finishing school in Fort Worth made him realize how good he really was in football and soon got recruited to attend Tyler Junior College.

"I've been playing for a long time but I know one day I'll have to hang up my cleats," said Brady.

For other football players at TJC, it hasn't been the same.

Turner Glasgow, who made regionals in his high school for four years in pole vault, wanted to continue his career in the event for college but his senior year, but he was told he was too big to do it.

He's been playing football since 7th grade, but it wasn't the sport he thought he would play in college.

"I was always smaller than everybody else, and freshmen and sophomore year it gave me an advantage in pole vault," said Glasgow. "My senior year it seemed more of a job, but I enjoyed it freshmen and sophomore year."

Since Glasgow committed to play at TJC, his senior year he started training and focusing on football.

"I love it, it keeps me busy and in shape," said Glasgow.

Fernando Castellanos, freshman forward, like Brady, played the same sport his whole life.

Playing soccer since he was four, Castellanos has played for different club teams as he grew up.

"One day I hope to make it to D1," said Castellanos.

However, Castellanos chose TJC after high school because of his grades, but his goal is still alive and he hopes to honor his dad.

"I want to follow my dads path and make it to professional soccer because he didn't, I want to make him proud"

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Women's Golf

May 13-16, NJCAA National Tournament, Longbow GC, Mesa, AZ

Men's Golf

May 21-24, NJCAA National Tournament, Goose Pond Colony, Scottsboro, AL

Sports CALENDAR

UPCOMING TJC ATHLETICS: MAY 2013

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Baseball

May 4 12p.m. @ North Arkansas College
Game to be played at Hendrix College in Conway, AR

Game 2 @ North Arkansas College

May 10 6 p.m. vs. TBA
MAC play-in series

May 11 12 p.m. vs. TBA
MAC play-in series

APACHE STAR

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Castellanos is still working on his grades and will go to University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Sophomore post Sherriff Sargeant, before displaying his skills on the basketball court, played tennis.

"I've been playing basketball for five years, I've always played tennis since I was 3 years old," said Sargeant.

REDEMPTION

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"They (sophomores) do a good job welcoming the freshman, help us bond as a team," Monsour said.

French lets his game speak for his leadership

"I just play and pitch. I just do my thing and hopefully that shows my leadership," said French.

Wren is not looking ahead to the World Series as the team must complete three playoff rounds before entering in. The team in the month of April had a record of 10-5 but Wren feels there are steps to be made to get where they need to be.

"Obviously we are excited about this time of the year, we are ready to play some playoff baseball. There are a lot of steps we have to take before we can get back to the World Series."

On the win against top seeded Division II team LSU-Enise,

Because of his height, people would always ask why he wasn't playing basketball and eventually senior year he finally tried it out and loved it.

"My father played tennis, so he introduced me to the sport. He was my trainer and motivated me," said Sargeant.

He knew he was getting better at basketball so he went to West Virginia

to a prep school and played for six months. Later he went to play at West Virginia Tech. Despite his new love of basketball, Sargeant still misses the sport he grew up playing.

"I miss tennis, I could have played college tennis but basketball took me a lot of places and I met a lot of great people," said Sargeant.

Apache Pow Wow Spotlight

#3 Trevor Berkely

The sophomore forward signed a letter of intent to Drake University on 4/24

#25 Eric Stegent

Stegent led the Apaches with three hits, with a double and two RBIs against LSU-Enice on 4/20

Volleyball signees

Shout out to the Adrienn Amaro, Ivana Bulajic and Jaqueline Santos for signing Division I and II scholarships for next fall

Akeem Shavers

Former TJC Apache and Akeem Shavers a contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Ryan Young ends his football playing days to focus on his engineer degree

Connor Streit
staff writer

On May 10 Tyler Junior College will hold its 2013 spring commencement ceremony. One student that will be moving on from TJC is the Apaches all conference running back from the last two seasons, Ryan Young.

Young came to TJC in the spring of 2011 after first going to play football at the Air Force. After being at the Air Force prep school for a year and then a semester at the academy. Young left the academy due to grades and low test scores and came to Tyler to join the Apache Football Team. "When I was looking to leave, TJC was the first school I called, they remembered me from high school and they told me to get down here as soon as I could," Young said.

Young was named the starting running back for the 2011 season, taking over for former Apache running back and current NFL prospect Akeem Shavers. In game four of the season Young suffered a high ankle sprain and missed the next four games. Young made it back in time for the Apaches playoff game verses the number one team in the nation Blinn College in which the

Wren thought the win was important for his team's growth

"They have a great team and are one of the toughest teams we play against this season. We have played them six times and four or five of them have been close. It is a confidence boost because are guys play against good pitching and play great baseball in order to win these games and it helps us get better as a team."

One of the steps for Wren is consistency. The team has played well and he is looking for them to keep it up.

"We have three rounds of baseball before reaching the World Series so we need to keep playing good baseball like we have been the past month. There are some steps to get to where we need to be, but if we stay consistent with our play, we will be fine."

Apaches shocked the undefeated Buccaneers in overtime 37-34.

"We played them earlier in the year and they beat us but we knew they were beatable just from the first time we played them," Young said.

Young finished out his TJC football career in 2012 by leading the Apaches with 764 yards rushing and six touchdowns. He also caught nine balls for 153 yards and a touchdown and was named to the SWJCFC 2nd team All-Conference. Young in his academic career as an Apache made the dean's list and the presidents list.

Young is now planning to attend the University of Texas at Tyler where he will be taking classes in engineering. "I've always been real hands on, I've always liked building things and bringing things down and rebuilding them and fixing them, and theirs is a high demand for them," Young said.

Young has also begun coaching football this spring at Bishop Gorman High School in Tyler.

"They (Bishop Gorman) said they would be interested in me coaching. My response was absolutely, because football is always going to stay with me. Anytime I can be around football and get my hands on one, it's always a nice feeling," Young said.



Photo by Ani Umana
(LEFT) RUN RYAN RUN: Running back from last season Ryan Young is taking a handoff from quarterback Tyrick Rollison in their game against Northeastern Oklahoma A&M on 9/27/12 at Rose Stadium. This season Young rushed for 764 yards and 5 touchdowns. Having been offered to play in other schools for football, Young has decided to put the cleats up and put more focus on school

13 TJC athletes sign college scholarships in the month of April

Jonathan Barker
Opinion editor

Wagstaff gymnasium was full of excitement as Ta'Jon Welcome, Anthony Odunsi, and Daniel Edozie all signed scholarships to continue playing basketball, but this time at the Division I level. Welcome, a returning sophomore, signed with Northwestern State, while Odunsi and Edozie signed with University at Albany and Iowa State University respectively.

"All three guys made different levels of impact... Daniel is a great person with an even better personality... There's probably not a time when we think about Ta'Jon that we don't think about his highlight reel dunks... Anthony, who came in as a transfer fit in perfectly with us," head coach Mike Marquis said.

All three of the signee's schools made an appearance in the NCAA National Tournament this past year, seeing Albany and Northwestern St. losing in the first round, and Iowa St. losing in the Sweet Sixteen.

"I'm looking forward to trying to make it back to the National Tournament," Welcome said.

While Welcome and Edozie came to TJC right out of high school, Odunsi transferred from Division I school Utah with hopes of seeing another chance to play Division I.

"It's not as big of a school, but I feel like it's a place where I can get my goals accomplished," Odunsi said.

Odunsi like many other TJC basketball players has aspirations of playing Division I and eventually in the NBA. Playing for coach Mike Marquis who has put players in the NBA, such as Chicago Bulls forward Jimmy Butler, and also a multitude of players in the Division I level, and Odunsi, Welcome, and Edozie are all now a part of that tradition.

Other signees include, Trevor Berkely, Drake University, Adrienne Phillips, Bethune-Cookman University, and Carolina Lopez, Oral Roberts University. Soccer signees include, Alice Coyne, Lindsey Wilson College, Carina Dunnahoo, Midwestern State University, Stacie Murray, University of Massachusetts, and Jahmela Williams Clayton State.

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Michelle, a biology pre-med student from Plano, TX, chose to attend Texas A&M University-Commerce because of acceptance into the Regents Scholars Program.

An active member of the campus community, Michelle traveled to Costa Rica with the Regents Scholars last May, joined the Student Government Association, the Student Healthcare Outreach Society and participated in the Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant.

"A&M-Commerce has made me more open-minded," Michelle said. "The Regents Scholars Program has allowed me to see just how many opportunities were lingering before me."

Michelle's favorite class at A&M-Commerce has been anthropology, which taught her about different world cultures, and showed her life from different points-of-view. The class made Michelle aware of the new social norms and customs that may arise with any future endeavor she may pursue.

After graduation, Michelle plans to attend medical school in hopes of becoming a dermatologist, and eventually opening up her own practice.

Major: Biology (Pre-Med)
Interests: Anthropology, student government, traveling
Favorite class: Anthropology
Favorite professor: Dr. Elvas
Favorite book: Cast of Eden
Interesting facts: Member of the Regents Scholars Program; traveled to Costa Rica in May 2011; participated in the Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant



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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE 12/2/12

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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11/4/12

ACROSS

- 1 Mr. Linkletter
- 4 Grey and McCrea
- 9 Composer Bach's monogram
- 12 "Ben-"; Charlton Heston film
- 13 "Kate & "
- 14 " lazy river by the old mill stream..."
- 15 "One Day Time"
- 16 "The Truth"; Téa Leoni series
- 17 up; arrange
- 18 Disney classic about a fawn
- 20 Actor Rob
- 22 Role on "Criminal Minds"
- 26 " at a Funeral"; movie for Chris Rock & Martin Lawrence
- 27 " Given Sunday"; Al Pacino film
- 28 Fraternity letter
- 29 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 32 Nickname for the first President Roosevelt
- 35 "NCIS: Los Angeles" actress
- 39 "The Shore Show"
- 40 Burstyn or Pompeo
- 42 Call day; quit and go home

DOWN

- 43 Fragrance
- 47 "Grand Opyr"
- 48 And not
- 49 Feasted
- 50 "I'm with "
- 51 Mork's planet
- 52 " home is his castle"
- 53 "Parks Recreation"
- 1 Gregory Peck's role in "Moby Dick"
- 2 Actress Lee and others
- 3 "Lady and the "; Disney film
- 4 Turner of "Northern Exposure"
- 5 Ending for pay or Motor
- 6 BPOE member
- 7 " to Me"
- 8 Passover meal
- 9 Bieber
- 10 Quick
- 11 Baseball sticks
- 19 "Who's been sleeping in my ?"; Baby Bear's question
- 21 "The Old Man and the "
- 23 A la ; with a separate price for each item on the menu
- 24 Lucy Ricardo's neighbor
- 25 Valerie Harper role
- 29 Newspaper office VIP
- 30 Actress Joan
- 31 " Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
- 33 Is petrified of
- 34 Actor Brynner
- 36 "If Hammer"; hit for Peter, Paul and Mary
- 37 Hawaiian farewell
- 38 Hayes or Hunt
- 39 Pet dinosaur's name on "The Flintstones"
- 41 Urkel, for one
- 44 Circular edge
- 45 "Cat Hot Tin Roof"
- 46 " Behaving Badly"

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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Why join a FIG

Preset schedule

Small class sizes

Make a better transition from high school to college

More likely to continue to sophomore year

Live in Holley or Vaughn Hall

Earlier move-in date

Dedicated advisor and faculty member

Extra curricular activities

Community service

Make friends quickly

Meet study partners

Create social network

FIGs to choose from:

- Business • Criminal Justice
- Career Exploration • Health Professions
- Nursing

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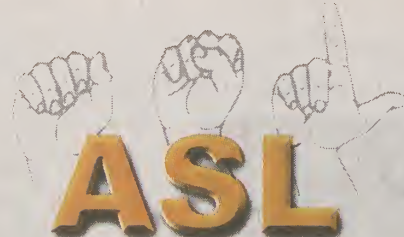
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What is a FIG?

FIG is short for Freshman Interest Group which is a living-learning program designed to provide an instant peer group for new students who have the same degree/major interest/intent. The living-learning program facilitates a feeling of being connected to the TJC campus as FIGs live in a dedicated housing facility, attend classes together, study together, attend college activities together, and interact with faculty mentors together in order to sustain positive academic and social experiences at TJC.

More questions?

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Rumor Has It

Which urban legends are the most farfetched?



By Taylor Griffin
Editor-in-Chief

Fables, campfire tales and the stories in email chain letter hoaxes have been passed around for centuries. While most of them seem outlandish and downright ridiculous, they all share one common thread: they never cease to spark curiosity.

Whether it's the ongoing mystery of the Sasquatch, the Loch Ness Monster or the chilling story of the clown statue, urban myths and legends have made their mark and been

passed on to subsequent generations.

"I think they get started by people seeing things and their active imaginations," TJC student Ashlee McClure said. "They get passed around by people just hearing stories and retelling it."

The term urban legend was most famously coined by American folklorist, Jan Harold Brunvard, through a series of his publications in the 1980s.

Here, three famous urban legends are explored, proving that not everything about them is all smoke and mirrors.

Is Walt Disney's body frozen at Disneyland?

After the Mickey Mouse legend died in 1966, it was said that the body of Walt Disney was buried beneath his theme park cryogenically frozen. Today, rumors still float around claiming this myth to be true.

He is said to have been laid to rest underneath the Pirates of the Caribbean ride at Disneyland, according to urbanlegendsonline.com. It has also been said that he was frozen so that one day he would return when they found a cure for his terminal illness.

Even the fictional tabloid, Weekly World News, reported that Walt Disney's head was stolen from its burial sight in 2011.

Although the idea that the possibility of Disney returning someday sounds almost as magical as the world he created, he was actually cremated two days after his death.

However, the idea of becoming a popsicle postmortem isn't necessarily that farfetched. In fact, James Bedford became the first person to be cryogenically preserved on January 12, 1967, according to The Telegraph.



Is Bloody Mary real?

Perhaps one of the most recognizable—and terrifying—urban legends is the not-so-fun game of Bloody Mary. While children mostly play it, this game is not for the faint of heart.

To play, a person must stand in front of a bathroom mirror, turn off the lights and spin around while chanting "Bloody Mary." Then, only the bravest ones turn the light back on, where supposedly they can see her dead corpse in the mirror standing right next to them.



While the true beginning of the legend is told in different ways like most urban myths, the same basic idea is that a girl named Mary passed away but was wrongly pronounced dead, according to urbanlegendsonline.com. After days of trying to escape her coffin in the ground, she finally died but haunts anyone who tries to bring her back to life.

Although the story is a hoax, the psychological terror of trying to make contact with her is terrifying enough. Even TJC students have said they have tried conjuring up Bloody Mary, but others have stayed as far away from her as possible.

"I did not [do it], but I heard some horrific stories, and it made me not want to try it," said Jesus Espinoza, sophomore.

Was a tourist on the roof on 9/11?

One of the more recent urban legends surrounds the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. While it has been debunked, the photo that circulated is still chilling all these years later.

Among the viruses and stories running rampant via email during this time, another photo surfaced that led to much debate about its origin. Supposedly, a camera was found in the wreckage of World Trade Center and was somehow able to still be developed, only to find a shocking photo taken of a man just before the first airplane hit.

The man is standing on top of the north tower, oblivious to the fact that a huge jetliner is about to plummet into it, according to NowPublic. While the photo triggered a lot of emotion, the shot is clearly a masterpiece created in Photoshop.

There are countless ways to determine that the photo is full of it. First of all, there was no observation deck at the top of the north tower, and while there was one on the other tower, it did not open until 9:30 a.m. The first plane hit at 8:49 a.m.

Among other factors, the man in the photo is dressed too warmly for an otherwise beautiful September day. Also, the camera certainly would not have made it through the building's collapse, and it was the wrong type of aircraft flying in from the opposite direction.

The photo was later identified as a Hungarian man, who had visited the observation deck sometime before the attacks.

